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H PASS: HONORABLE LOWELL P. WEICKER, JR.
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON DC

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TAGS: SHUM, AR, CVIS
SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE:
DETENTION OF JAIME LOKMAN (90/77/9)

1. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE
DETENTION CASE OF MR. JAIME LOKMAN, IN WHICH YOU
EXPRESSED AN INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SEVERAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS HAVE MADE SIMILAR INQUIRIES.

2. THE FOREIGN OFFICE'S WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN
RIGHTS HAS RECENTLY INFORMED US THAT MR. LOKMAN'S
REQUEST TO LEAVE ARGENTINA UNDER THE CONSTITUTIONAL
"RIGHT OF OPTION" PROCEDURE WAS DENIED IN NOVEMBER
OF 1978. ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT POLICY OF THE ARGENTINE
GOVERNMENT, A DETAINEE MUST WAIT SIX MONTHS BEFORE
AGAIN REQUESTING PERMISSION TO LEAVE ARGENTINA UNDER
THE RIGHT OF OPTION.

3. IN EARLY DECEMBER 1978, THE LOKMAN FAMILY OBTAINED A
FEDERAL COURT ORDER FORBIDDING THE THIRD ARMY CORP FROM
CONTINUING TO HOLD MR. LOKMAN INCOMMUNICADO. (POLITICAL
PRISONERS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE ARMY'S 3RD CORP HAVE
BEEN ALLOWED ONLY ONE VISIT FROM THEIR FAMILIES EACH YEAR
AND NO MAIL PRIVILEGES.) MR. LOKMAN WAS SUBSEQUENTLY
TRANSFERRED ON DECEMBER 29 FROM CORDOBA TO THE FEDERAL
PRISON AT SIERRA CHICA IN BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE. MR. LOKMAN
HAS BEEN VISITED BY HIS WIFE AND HIS OLDEST SON.

4. WE EXPRESSED UNITED STATES INTEREST IN MR. LOKMAN'S CASE
TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR'S ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
INTERNAL SECURITY ON JANUARY 10. THAT OFFICIAL REPLIED THAT
NOTHING COULD BE DONE AT PRESENT TO FACILITATE MR. LOKMAN'S
RELEASE. WE REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE LOKMAN FAMILY,
WHOSE MEMBERS ARE UNDERSTANDABLY ANXIOUS ABOUT OBTAINING
PERMISSION FOR MR. LOKMAN TO LEAVE ARGENTINA.

5. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN
THIS MATTER.

6. SINCERELY YOURS, RAUL CASTRO, AMBASSADOR.

7. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
CASTRO

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U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS
Margaret P. Grafeld, Director
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